

RESOLUTION OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
RE: MODIFICATION OF THE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN
OF THE WASHINGTON PARK URBAN RENEWAL AREA
PROJECT NO. MASS. R-24

WHEREAS, the Urban Renewal Plan for the Washington Park Urban Renewal Area, Project No. Mass. R-24, was adopted by the Boston Redevelopment Authority on January 16, 1963, and approved by the City Council of the City of Boston on June 8, 1964; and

WHEREAS, Section 1201 of Chapter 12 of said Plan entitled: "Modification" provides that the Urban Renewal Plan may be modified at any time by the Boston Redevelopment Authority provided that if the general requirements, controls and restrictions applicable to any part of the Project Area shall be modified after the lease or sale of such part, modification must be consented to by the redeveloper or redevelopers of such part or their successors and assigns; provided further that where the proposed modifications may substantially or materially alter or change the Plan, the modifications must be approved by the Boston City Council and the Division of Urban Renewal of the Massachusetts Department of Commerce and Development;

WHEREAS, Section 602 of Chapter 6 of the said Urban Renewal Plan entitled: "Land Use and Building Requirements" designates "Commercial Parking" as the primary permitted use for Parcel F-7 and designates "Residential Parking" and "Institutional" as the secondary permitted use therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

1. That Section 602, Table A "Land Use and Building Requirements" Parcel F-7, is hereby modified by the deletion therefrom of "Permitted Land Use".
2. That the permitted use for Parcel F-7 shall be "Institutional" with "residential" as an alternate use.
3. That the Setback, Height, Density, Parking and Planning and Design controls for Parcel F-7 are hereby modified by the substitution therefor of "subject to Authority approval".
4. That the proposed modification is found to be a minor modification which does not substantially or materially alter or change the Plan.
5. That all other provisions of said Plan not inconsistent herewith be and are continuing in full force and effect.
6. That it is hereby found and determined that the proposed development will not result in significant damage to or impairment of the environment and further, that all practicable and feasible means and measures have been taken and are being utilized to avoid or minimize damage to the environment.
7. That the Director be and hereby is authorized to proclaim by certificate these minor modifications of the Plan, all in accordance with the provisions of the Urban Renewal Handbook, 7207.1 Circular dated August 8, 1974.



April 17, 1975

MEMORANDUM

TO: BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

FROM: ROBERT T. KENNEY, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: MINOR MODIFICATION OF WASHINGTON PARK
URBAN RENEWAL PLAN, MASS. PROJECT NO. R-24

Summary: The memorandum requests that the Authority adopt a minor modification to the Washington Park Urban Renewal Plan in order to allow the development of Parcel F-7 thereof as an institutional use.

On December 19, 1974, the Authority designated the Washington Park Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses as Redeveloper of Parcel F-7 in the Washington Park Urban Renewal Area. However, the Urban Renewal Plan as approved on January 16, 1963, specifically Section 602 thereof, entitled "Land Use and Building Requirements", sets forth "commercial parking" as the primary use, and "residential parking" and "institutional" as the secondary permitted uses.

Accordingly, it is necessary to effect a minor modification of the Urban Renewal Plan in order to change the primary use allowed for Parcel F-7 to "institutional." This is necessary because the submission of the Washington Park Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses calls for the construction of a Kingdom Hall on the site, an institutional use which is judged to be a compatible and desirable addition to the Washington Park Community.

It is therefore recommended that the Authority adopt the attached Resolution modifying the Washington Park Urban Renewal Plan to provide that "institutional use" be the primary permitted use, and "residential" the alternate permitted use under the Plan.

An Appropriate Resolution follows:

Attachment